

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims Status

Claims 5 through 13 remain pending in the application. Claim 14 has been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claims 5 and 12 are the only independent claims pending in the application.

Allowable Claims

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 5 through 13 are indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record.

Section 102 Rejection

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Katayanagi for the reasons set forth in the Official Action.

Response to Rejection

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection and solely to expedite prosecution, Claim 14 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and further comment thereon is not necessary.

Closing Comments

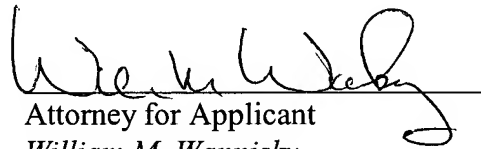
This Amendment After Final Rejection could not have been presented earlier in the prosecution, inasmuch as it was earnestly believed that the claims heretofore on file were in condition for allowance. Since this Amendment After Final Rejection only cancels a

claim, the Examiner will be able to give full consideration hereof without the expenditure of undue time and effort.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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